STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-7895, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Zuma Solar, LLC, for a) ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
Certificate of Public Convenience and) AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION
Necessity to Construct a 5-MW Solar) OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY
Facility in Caswell County, North Carolina) FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On May 17, 2016, Zuma Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located along Shady Grove Road, approximately 0.45 miles east of the intersection of Little Mill Creek Road and Shadow Ridge Road, 1.1 miles west of the intersection of Shady Pond Road and Lakeside Lane, and 0.97 miles east of the intersection of Stone Creek Court and Cascade Lane, Providence, Caswell County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC).

Contemporaneously with the application, the Applicant filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility. The registration statement included certified attestations that: (1) the facility is in substantial compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and rules for the protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources; (2) the facility will be operated as a new renewable energy facility; (3) the Applicant will not remarket or otherwise resell any renewable energy certificates sold to an electric power supplier to comply with G.S. 62-133.8; and (4) the Applicant will consent to the auditing of its books and records by the Public Staff insofar as those records relate to transactions with North Carolina electric power suppliers.

On May 26, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On June 7, 2016, the Applicant filed a verified certificate of service stating that the application and the related public notice were provided to DEC on June 7, 2016.

On July 6, 2016, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. Because of the nature of the comments, the cover letter indicated that no further State Clearinghouse review action by the Commission was required for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

On September 7, 2016, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Caswell Messenger (Yanceyville, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on June 29, 2016. No complaints have been received.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on September 19, 2016. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the application and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of G.S. 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. The Public Staff further stated that the registration statement contains the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b). Therefore, the Public Staff recommended approval of the certificate and registration for the facility.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the attached certificate for the proposed solar photovoltaic electric generating facility. The Commission further finds good cause, based upon the foregoing and the entire record in this proceeding, to accept registration of the facility as a new renewable energy facility. The Applicant shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year and will be required to participate in the NC-RETS REC tracking system (http://www.ncrets.org) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That the application of Zuma Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved.
- 2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Zuma Solar, LLC, for the 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located along Shady Grove Road, approximately 0.45 miles east of the intersection of Little Mill Creek Road and Shadow Ridge Road, 1.1 miles west of the intersection of Shady Pond Road and Lakeside Lane, and 0.97 miles east of the intersection of Stone Creek Court and Cascade Lane, Providence, Caswell County, North Carolina.
- 3. That the registration statement filed by Zuma Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Caswell County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
- 4. That Zuma Solar, LLC, shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____19th___ day of September, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

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Chairman Edward S. Finley, Jr., did not participate in this decision.

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Zuma Solar, LLC 3250 Ocean Park Boulevard, Suite 355 Santa Monica, California 90405

is hereby issued this

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subject to all orders, rules, regulations and conditions as are now or may hereafter be lawfully made by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____19th____ day of September, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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